



Dear Citizens,

Since becoming Mayor in January, I have made public safety my number-one priority. By working with the Police Commissioner and my Office on Criminal Justice, I introduced a plan to reduce crime in Baltimore. The plan is anchored by three basic themes: targeted enforcement, community engagement, and strong partnerships.

We have the police department, the state's attorney's office, the US attorney and dozens of other agencies working together to prevent crimes, to catch criminals, and to get the most violent offenders off our streets. They have stepped up targeted enforcement and strengthened their partnerships.

Yet, as I travel to neighborhoods throughout the city, I am reminded that government can't do it alone. Community engagement is critical to our success. We need the people of this city to say "enough is enough." Every Baltimore citizen needs to help us take our neighborhoods back from the drug dealers and the thugs.

This week I addressed the "Citizens on Patrol", or COPS, meeting at Police Headquarters. The individuals gathering that evening are taking an active role in fighting crime in their police districts. They are working with the police to shine lights across the city. It is an important piece of the fight against crime, and I hope that more people choose to join their local COPS program.

I want you to know that we would never ask citizens to anything dangerous – that should be left to professional law enforcement.

But the criminals in your neighborhood and in every neighborhood are afraid of something – they are afraid of being seen. We might not catch everyone every time, but you can tell the police what is going on in your community. Collaboration with the police and community involvement is important; it is what will make the difference for us as we fight violent crime in Baltimore.

I am grateful for members of Citizens on Patrol getting involved, and I look forward to seeing more COPS programs in action. Together, we can make our communities safer.

If you want to find out more about Citizens on Patrol, please contact my Office on Criminal Justice at (443) 984-2371.

As always, I am interested in what you think about our plan to make our city a dynamic place to LIVE, EARN, PLAY and LEARN. Please [email me](#) your comments or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Sheila Dixon  
Mayor  
Baltimore

## **Baltimore Heritage Area Now Soliciting Grant Applications**

*Deadline is August 22, 2007*

August 22, 2007 is the application deadline for the **Baltimore Heritage Area Small Cap Grant Fund**.

The Fund provides matching grants of up to \$10,000 for capital projects within the Baltimore Heritage Area. For a copy of the application and instructions, log on to [www.baltimorecity.gov/government/heritage](http://www.baltimorecity.gov/government/heritage) and click on "What are the benefits of inclusion in the Baltimore City Heritage Area?" and "view the application."

For more information, contact Abbi Wicklein-Bayne  
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## **Flicks from the Hill**

*Thursday Starting at 9pm, June 21-August 9*

Thursdays at 9pm  
Next Movie: July 19<sup>th</sup> *Seabiscuit*

FREE

The American Visionary Art Museum  
800 Key Highway, Baltimore  
[www.AVAM.org](http://www.AVAM.org)

The American Visionary Art Museum's Hughes Family Outdoor Theater Presents "Flicks from the Hill", a series of free family films screened under the AVAM's 'Golden Hand'. On nights when a film is showing, the Museum is free from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

## **Volunteers Needed for Artscape!**

*July 20-22, 2007*

Artscape, the largest arts festival in the mid-Atlantic region, is in need of volunteers like you to make the festival a success! Volunteers are needed in a wide variety of areas, including the Artist Market, Art Galleries, Family Art Park, Hospitality Areas, and many others.

As a thank you, all volunteers receive one free parking pass, one free t-shirt, refreshments, and access to indoor restrooms and air conditioning!

If you are interested in volunteering for Artscape, please email [BOPAvolunteer@promotionandarts.com](mailto:BOPAvolunteer@promotionandarts.com).

## **Baltimore Farmers' Market**

*Sundays Under the JFX*

Baltimore Farmers' Market:

Everyone is invited to enjoy this one-of-a-kind shopping experience at economical prices. While strolling the market, guests can revel at the sight of the large quantity of the freshest fruits and vegetables, eggs, a variety of breads from Maryland area farmers, and delight in homemade treats. In addition, food vendors add spice to the market with cultural cuisine, popular pit beef sandwiches, pastries, cheeses, and gourmet treats.

Sundays, May 6 - December 23, 2007  
8am to sellout, approximately noon

Holliday and Saratoga streets underneath the Jones Falls Expressway

## **Activities for the Whole Family**

**Special Events All Around Baltimore**

The Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks offers activities for city residents and guests - educational hikes and walks, sports leagues, youth and senior activities, and fun for the family.

Please visit [Rec & Parks' Events Calendar](#) for dates and times.



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